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CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman of the Council Mr. W. E. Hawthorne.
Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Walton.
Chairman of the Public Health Committee. Mr. J. Walton.

Public Health Staff.
Medical Officer of Health.

Duncan T. McAlinsh, M.C., M.A., M.D., Ch.B.,
Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

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Certificate for Meat & Food Inspector.

Clerks.

Miss. L. E. Eccleshall.

Miss. D. H. Morris.

To the Chairman and Members of the Cannock Rural District Council:-

I have the honour to make to you my Fifth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the district to cover the year 1943.

For the same reasons as in previous war years the report is still given in abbreviated form and is not printed.

Of the Infectious Diseases Scarlet Fever, Measles and Whooping Cough accounted for 87, 87 and 94 of the notifications. The fall in cases of measles was very marked. At 29 cases notified, Diphtheria also was considerably down on the previous year. With the increased number of children protected by immunisation, it is hoped that the number of cases will still further decrease.

The Local Birth Rate was higher and the Local Death Rate lower than the rates for the whole of England and Wales.

There has been no change of Staff during the year: the willingness and loyalty of the Staff has been throughout the greatest assistance to me.

I wish to record my gratitude to you, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, for your consideration and help.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Duncan T. McAinsh.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

25th May, 1944.

Statistics of the Area.

Area (in acres) 55,256 - unchanged.

Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population 22,400.

Number of inhabited houses according to the rate book:- 5986.

Rateable Value is £91,929 and a penny rate produces £350.

BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Live Births.	219.	200.	419.
Legitimate.	210.	194.	404.
Illegitimate.	9.	6.	15.
Still Births, none being Illegitimate.	6.	4.	10.

Birth Rate per 1,000 population for the district 18.71.

Birth Rate per 1,000 population for England & Wales. 16.5.

Still Births 23.31 per 1,000 total (live & still) births,

Still Birth rate .45 per 1,000 population.

Still Birth rate England & Wales .51 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS.

Total:- 256. Male. 139. Female 117.

Local Adjusted Death Rate: 11.43 per 1,000 population.

Death Rate for England & Wales. 12.1 per 1,000 population.

The Maternal Mortality Rate for the country was 2.29 per 1,000 total Births. (live & still).

The Maternal Mortality Rate for the district was 4.66 per 1,000 total births. (live & still).

During the year there were two deaths from Puerperal Causes.

The Main causes of Death over the past three years were:-

	<u>1943.</u>	<u>1942.</u>	<u>1941.</u>
Diseases of Heart & Circulation.....	77.	78.	40.
Respiratory Diseases.. .. .	21.	19.	27.
Malignant Disease.....	31.	35.	24.
Violence, including suicide.....	18.	22.	33.
Malformation & Premature Birth.....	9.	4.	3.
Tuberculosis.....	11.	13.	12.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:- 14, one of which was illegitimate.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births.....33.41
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births. 32.18.
 Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births. 66.67

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... Nil.
 ,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)... Nil.
 ,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years)... 1.

INCIDENCE OF SCARLET FEVER, DIPHTHERIA,
 AND PNEUMONIA DURING THE TEN YEARS.
 1934 - 1943.

	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Pneumonia.
1934.	81.	16.	19.
1935.	64.	28.	29.
1936.	90.	14.	32.
1937.	189.	33.	39.
1938.	105.	46.	37.
1939.	43.	75.	36.
1940.	35.	64.	37.
1941.	67.	26.	26.
1942.	80.	40.	32.
1943.	87.	29.	41.

NURSING IN THE HOME, AMBULANCE FACILITIES,
 AND HOSPITALS, PUBLIC & VOLUNTARY,

There was no change in the arrangements.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The County Laboratory, Stafford continued to be of very great value in making examinations of specimens.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.
During the year 1943.

Disease.	Total cases Notified.	Cases Admitted Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small-pox.....	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	87.	71.	-
Diphtheria.....	29.	28.	1.
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	3.	3.	2.
Erysipelas.....	11.	-	-
Pneumonia.....	41.	-	7.
Meningitis.....	2.	1.	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	2.	-	-
Typhoid Fever.....	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS YEAR 1943.

	NEW CASES.				DEATH.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 to 1 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1 and upwards	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 "	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 "	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
20 "	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 "	1	3	-	1	-	3	-	1
35 "	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
45 "	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
55 "	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals.	8	8	3	2	3	4	2	2

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS CASES IN
CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT..

<u>PARISH.</u>	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.
Acton Trussell.	2	-	-	-
Saredon.	1	-	1	1
Brewood.	2	1	1	-
Cheslyn Hay.	12	6	7	12
Dunston.	2	1	1	-
Shareshill.	9	-	2	-
Essington.	11	1	44	15
Featherstone.	4	-	4	1
Great Wyrley.	38	16	11	25
Huntington.	3	4	-	-
Penkridge.	-	-	3	40
Hatherton.	1	-	-	-
Lapley.	-	-	1	-
Hilton.	1	-	-	-
Weston-under-Lizard.	-	-	11	-
Blymhill.	1	-	1	-
Total.	87	29	87	94

IMMUNISATION OF CHILDREN AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

	1943.	1942.	1941.	1940
Age under 5 years.	450	608	542	Nil.
Age 5 years and over, but under 15 years.	807	150	689	196.

It was estimated that at 31st December, 1945. 61.39% children under 5 years had been Immunised, and 70.48% between 5 and under 15.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND
SALVAGE.

The year 1943 saw the introduction of Public Cleansing by direct labour. From 1st February the emptying of cesspools in these Parishes previously serviced by contractor was commenced, and in the following November a new refuse vehicle was purchased for the collection of refuse in the parishes of Penkridge and Lapley. These two undertakings proved very successful in spite of suitable labour being very difficult to obtain. The parishes of Brewood, Cheslyn Hay, Saredon, Great Wyrley, Essington, Huntington, Featherstone, Hilton, Shereshill, Hatherton were as in previous years done by contract.

The Salvage Department which was set up in November, 1942, continued to do good work throughout the year.

ANTHRAX.

During the year 20 suspected cases of Anthrax were reported: two of these were confirmed.

	<u>Pasteurised.</u>	<u>Tuberculin Test.</u>	<u>Accredited.</u>
Supplementary Milk Licences.	3	3	4
Dealers Licences.	1	1	1
Pasteuriser's Licence.	-	1	-

WATER SUPPLIES.

The chief water supplies in the District are obtained from the South Staffordshire Water Works Co., and The Wolverhampton Corporation, who supply Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Huntington, Hatherton, Penkridge, and the larger portion of the parishes of Brewood, Stretton, Essington, Shereshill, Featherstone, Hilton, Lapley, Wheaton Aston, and Saredon. The Stafford Corporation supplies Copenhall and Dunston.

